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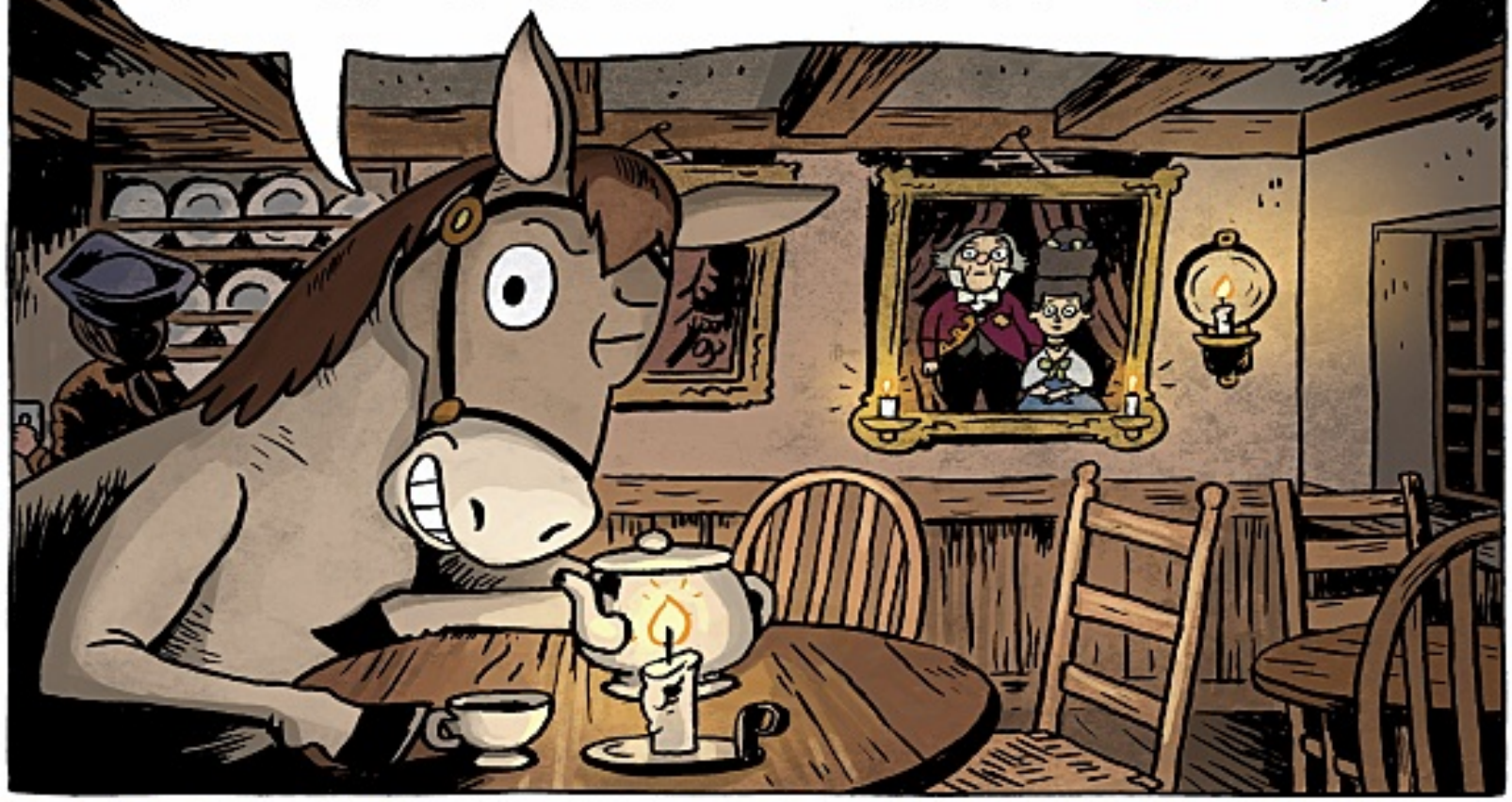
Guess you couldn't resist coming back and hearing another tale of the UNKNOWN, huh? You gotta get your fix of Fred's terrific storytelling? Well, worry not, for I have a tale just for you: One I helped solve myself! Today's treacherous tale is...

TEA'D OFF!



This week's load is a little light, isn't it?
Yes, well...
TEA
It had been some time since the Endicott and Grey tea businesses had combined, and suddenly business wasn't doing so well.

I hope you don't mind getting paid a little less this week.
OF COURSE I mind!
And that meant I wasn't getting paid.
We are very sorry, Fred, but we haven't had as many customers as of late...
Oh! Woe is me!
Woe is us! We were doomed to fail from the start, snails trying to run a triathalon, oh!
Well, Quincy...
Perhaps there's a reason for all of this.
Is there ever a reason for doom to fall upon the innocent?
But divine intervention was going to set wheels in motion to bring the business back.
Well, yes. There's a reason for everything. And I think maybe we haven't been—
HONK!

♪ Come one, come all, to get a cup of tea! ♪
HONK HONK
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM
TEA
DING!
Very annoying divine intervention.
HONK! HONK!
Honk honk!
♪ It's bitter, it's sweet, it's so tasty to eat! There's nothing in this world a bit of tea can't treat! ♪
That'll be two cents.
Oh, alright...
THAT'S IT!
It must be our antiquated delivery system!
♪ Come one, come all, to get a cup of tea! ♪
No offense to you, my boy.
Some taken.

The one man band had inspired something in Quincy.
You saw it yourself! The tea drinker of today isn't looking for tea, they're looking for an EXPERIENCE!
huh?
And when Quincy was inspired, well...
If we just think of the perfect tea-going experience, customers are bound to return!
Yes, well, maybe... but I still think-
Hold onto that thought, Marguerite!
I have the PERFECT idea, and perfect ideas call for immediate and swift executions!
TEA
Nothing could stop him.
I just hope it isn't the business he's executing.

Margueritte looked for her husband, knowing his manic episodes could entail some strange ideas.
Quincy?
And behaviors.
Hahaha...
Quiiincy?
But she loved him and his wild ideas, just, perhaps...
Hahaha!
...Quincy?
Not all of them.
HAHAHAHA!

HAHAHA!
This will work for SURE!
HOMING PEACOCK DELIVERY SERVICE!
♫ If you're looking for just the right romantic touch, ♫
But you're worried one man bands ♫ are a bit too much, ♫
The Endicott Peacock delivery service can be your... um, ♫ crutch! ♫

AWK!
NOW FLY!
Now this wasn't the most wild of Quincy's ideas.
We're being attacked!
AWK, AWK!
MY WIG!
EEK!
But that didn't make it a good one.
AWK!

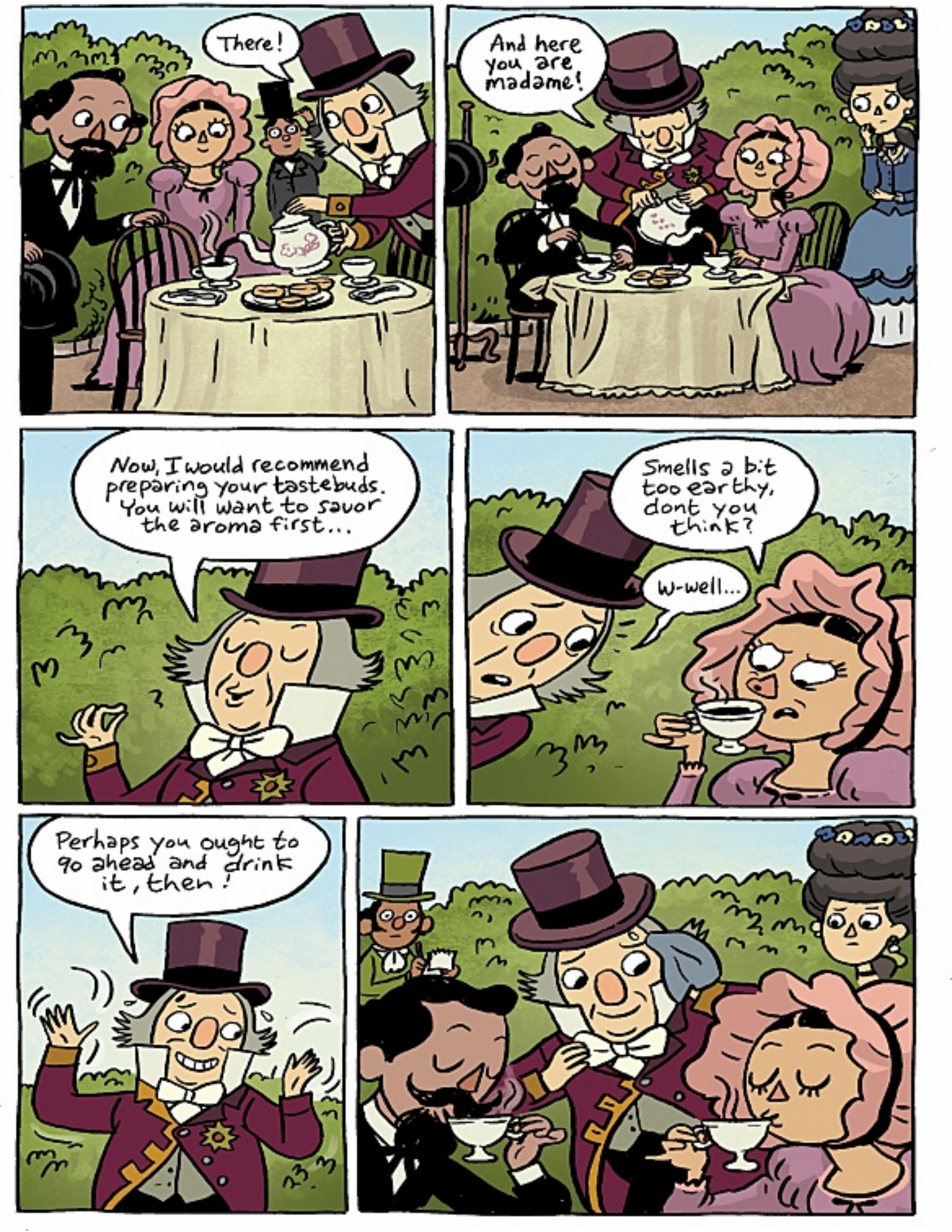
What is happening?
There's something around its neck!
What is this?
Tea?
It smells like DIRT.
SNIF
Come, James. Let's leave this horrid bird and go home!
AWK!

That peacock system was doomed to fail.
Oh?
Quincy wasn't about to be stopped by one failure, however.
Animal delivery is a thing of the past, I said so myself.
Even if perhaps he should have been.
Today's business world is all about marketing conventions.
Marketing... conventions?
And whats better than a convention than a fair?
Huh?
I think our problems may be solved more easily by—
OBSERVE, MY DOVE!

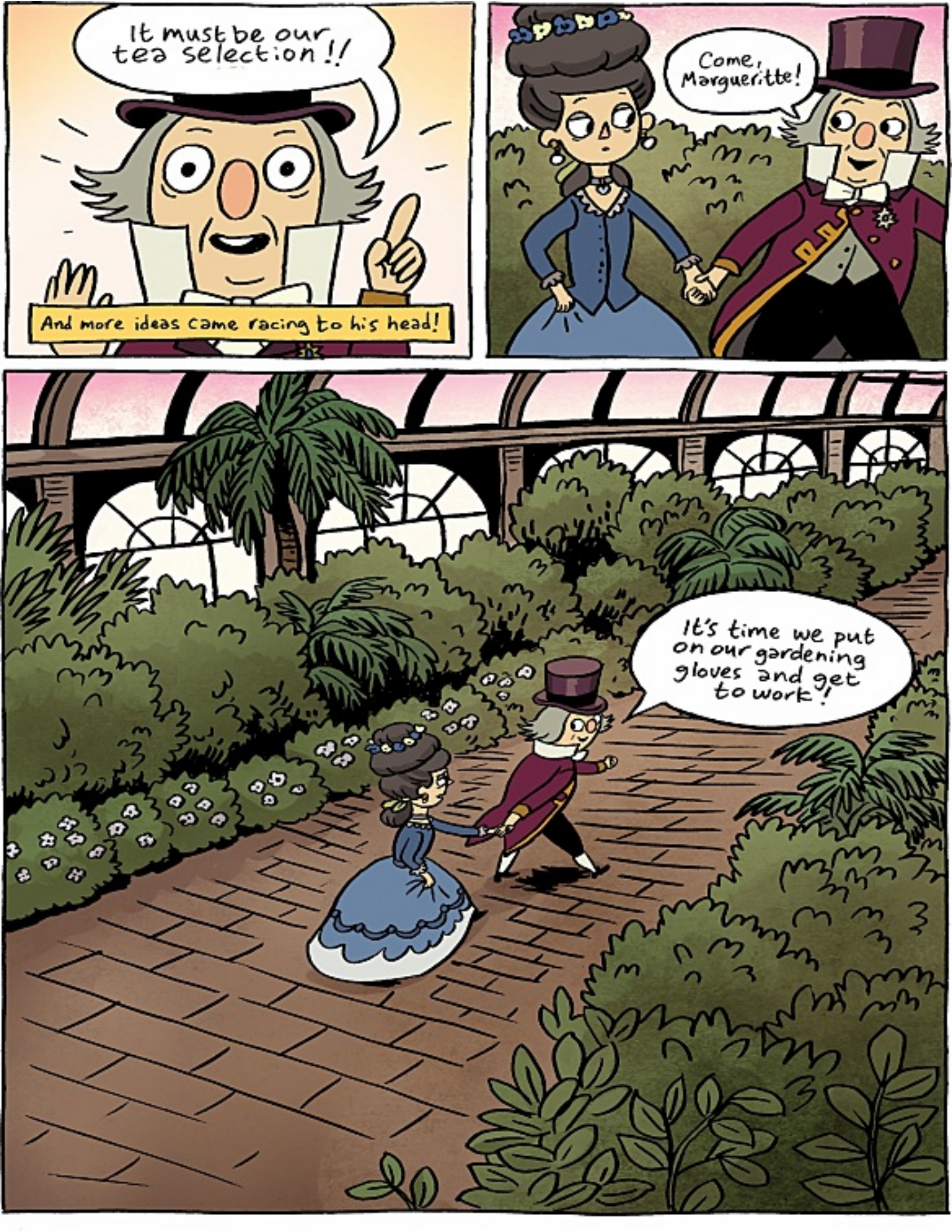
And he was about to pull out all the stops!
WORLD
TEA
TEA
TEA T
The world's Fair of Tea!
Come, Margueritte, you can join our very first tour!
WITNESS! The very first engine run entirely on tea!

CHUGA-CHUGA
CHUGA-CHUGA
FEAST YOUR EYES!
ENDICOTT GREY Tea
It's 2 horsepower...
But not as handsome as this single horse.
Oh my!
Ignore him, ma'am or he won't stop.
And over this way to our ZOO of TEA!

Careful for the tigers, they bite! Ha-ha!
Are there tea samples?
But of course!
Right this way!
Quincy, can we talk?
One moment, Marguerite, I must get these folks some tea!


There!
And here you are madame!
Now, I would recommend preparing your tastebuds. You will want to savor the aroma first...
Smells a bit too earthy, dont you think?
w-well...
Perhaps you ought to go ahead and drink it, then!

COUGH-HACK SPUTTER!
PFFFT!
IT's AWFUL!
It tastes MUCH too earthy!
Bleuch!
This is the last time I go to a tea fair!
It was all just a front for terrible tea!
w-wait!
hm.
EXIT
SLAM!
Unfortunately, once again, Quincy's plan was doomed to failure.
Maybe it's time to try—
If a fair wont do it...
His determination was still yet to be crushed, however!


It must be our tea selection!!
And more ideas came racing to his head!
Come, Margueritte!
It's time we put on our gardening gloves and get to work!

And this was certainly his most sensible idea so far.
There!
What do you think Marguerite? Before we only offered black tea...
We now have white tea, green tea, herbal tea — every kind of tea you can imagine!
ROOIBOS
PEPPERMINT
GREEN
WHITE
CHAMOMILE
All that's left is the taste test...
My dear?
I would be honored if you would be my taste tester.

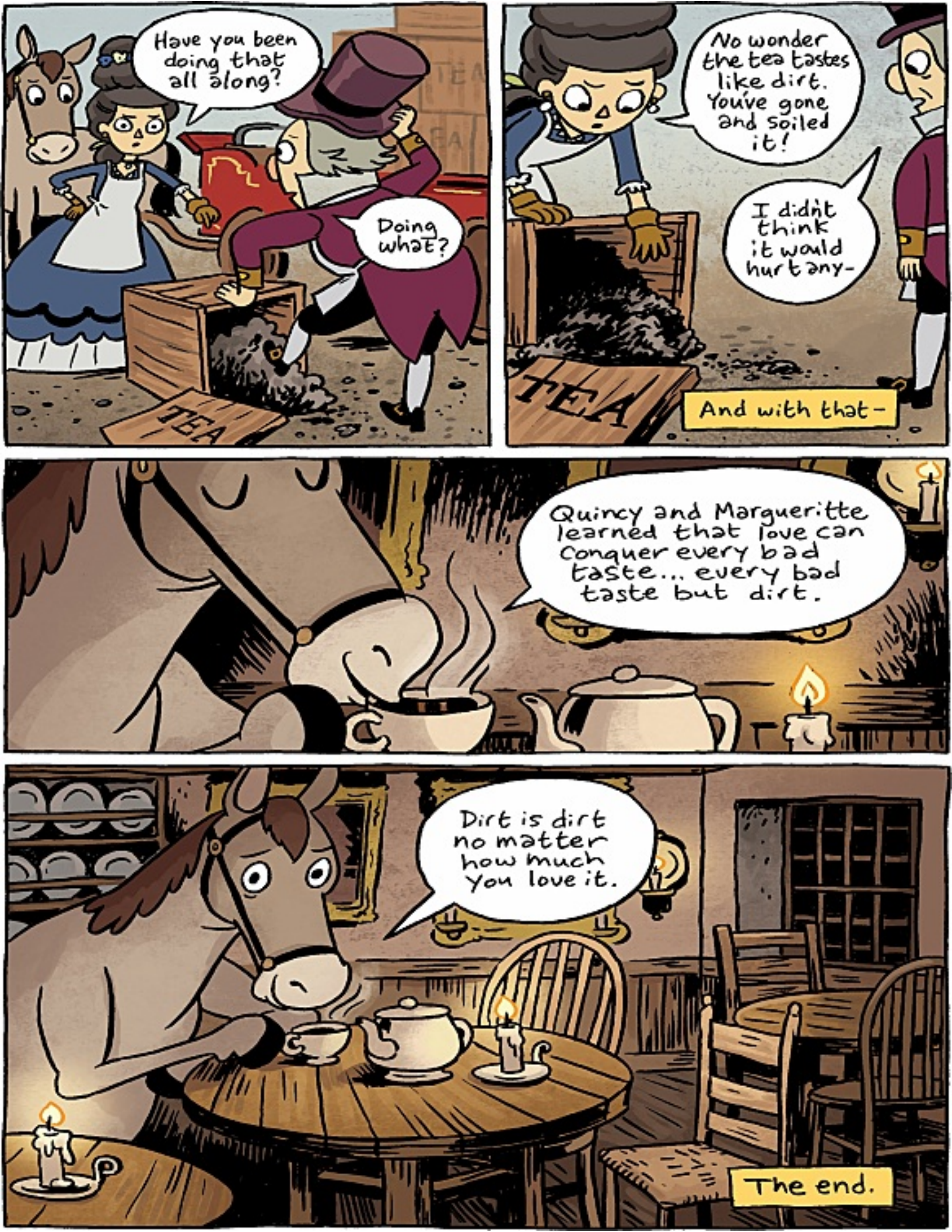
Me?
I can't think of a better tea connoisseur
well, okay...
splendid! let me fill your cup!
That one is the green.
SSIP
Let's- try the next one.
Ah- here.
That's the white.

Unfortunately, Quincy had still managed to fail to address the most obvious problem:
It tastes...
...a bit like soil.
Oh, no!
What are we supposed to do now?
It's HOPELESS!
Our business is doomed to fail!
I've tried everything, EVERYTHING!
well, not everything.
You haven't been listening to me all week.
I haven't?

I've been trying to tell you, I think I figured out what's wrong with our tea.
Oh, I'm sorry, I was so distracted I...
That's just the problem!
The missing ingredient...
IS LOVE
She was almost right.
Love?
We've been so busy trying to make a proper BUSINESS that we've forgotten to make proper TEA - and how to take care of the plants the way we used to...
To take care of EACH OTHER the way we used to.

My goodness, you're right!
I'm so sorry my dear tea plants! I've neglected you!
I promise I will take better care of you from here on out.
AHEM
oh!
And I owe you an apology as well. I'm sorry I didn't listen to you, my sweet.
You can make it up to me.

Well, well-
This load looks much heavier!
TEA
TEA
TEA
TEA
TEA
TEA
TEA
Looks like I'll be getting my leg day in today.
Just this last one-
TEA
OOP!
CLUNK
No problem-
Let me just scoop this up-
QUINCY!
hm?


Have you been doing that all along?
Doing what?
TEA
No wonder the tea tastes like dirt. You've gone and soiled it!
I didn't think it would hurt any-
TEA
And with that-
Quincy and Marguerite learned that love can conquer every bad taste... every bad taste but dirt.
Dirt is dirt no matter how much you love it.
The end.

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MEET THE DINOSAUR NEXT DOOR
BOLIVAR

Sybil knows that there is something off about her next-door neighbor, but she can't seem to get anyone to believe her. Everyone is so busy going about their days in the busy streets of New York City that they don't notice Bolivar. They don't notice his odd height, his tiny arms, or his long tail. No one but Sybil sees that Bolivar is a dinosaur!

Sean Rubin
Writer/Artist

Where did the inspiration for *Bolivar* come from?

I had (and still have) a toy dinosaur that my cousin Eddie named Bolivar. Bolivar used to have all sorts of adventures, and then one day he became the mayor of New York City. I thought that was a funny idea, so I started writing a book about it. I soon realized that if there was a dinosaur in New York City, no one would actually notice it... at least not for a while. I was so excited by that idea, that I started over again and wrote (and illustrated) a book around that.

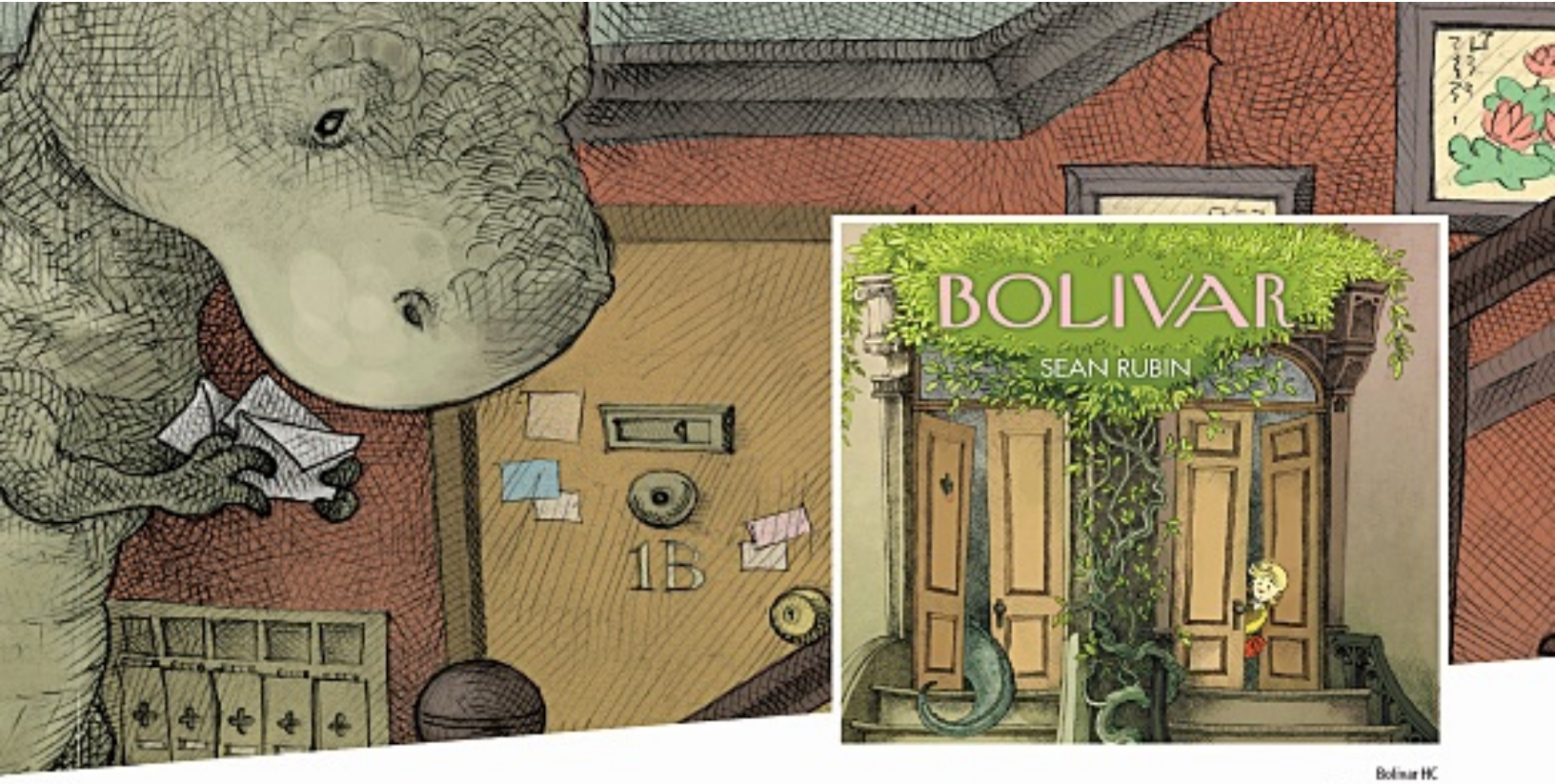
Why is there a dinosaur living in New York?

New York is amazing, among many reasons, because when you go outside and into the city, you can disappear—into a crowd, into a park, into a museum. E.B. White said that, if you want it, New York can give you the gifts of loneliness and privacy. Bolivar definitely values his privacy, but I'm not sure what he thinks about the loneliness. In New York you can be by yourself, but you'll be by yourself in a crowd of eight million people. I think if Bolivar was okay being lonely, he'd live somewhere completely different.

What does *Bolivar* mean to you personally?

I started the first draft of *Bolivar* thirteen years ago, and started illustrating it about six years ago, so it's been with me for quite a while. In that time I graduated high school, college, moved too many times, got married, and became a parent, twice. I never expected to be reading this story to my own children by the time it was done. Life can be surprising like that.

> "...BEING KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD IS SOMETHING THAT ALL PEOPLE, AND DINOSAURS, WANT VERY MUCH."

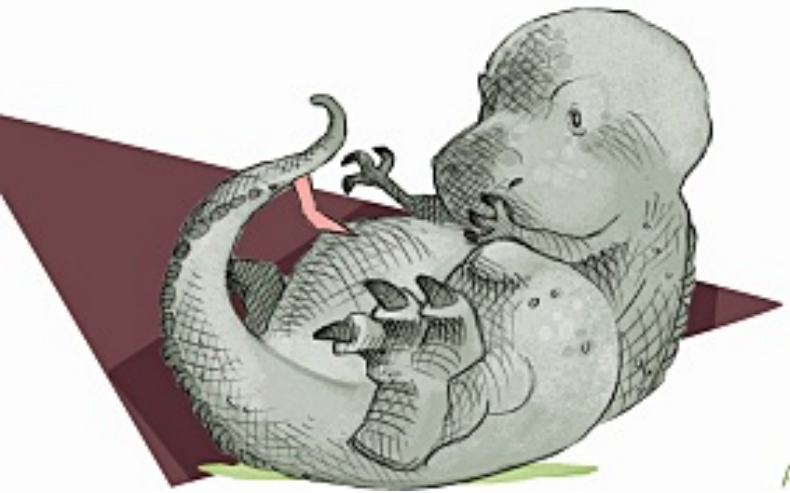


Bolivar HC
Sean Rubin

What do you hope fans take away from reading *Bolivar*?

Bolivar is an unusual book in that it takes the visual vocabulary of picture books and newspaper comic strips to create something that's probably a graphic novel, but may also be a "chapter picture book." I hope *Bolivar* challenges people to think about what's possible with illustrated stories once we stop worrying about these categories. We work in the best medium in the world, and we have so many stories to tell, and so many ways to tell them.

More importantly, I think everyone knows something about themselves that they're afraid to share with others for fear of being rejected, or worse. I hope this book encourages people to take a chance with one another. After all, being known and understood is something that all people, and dinosaurs, want very much. ■



BOLIVAR HC
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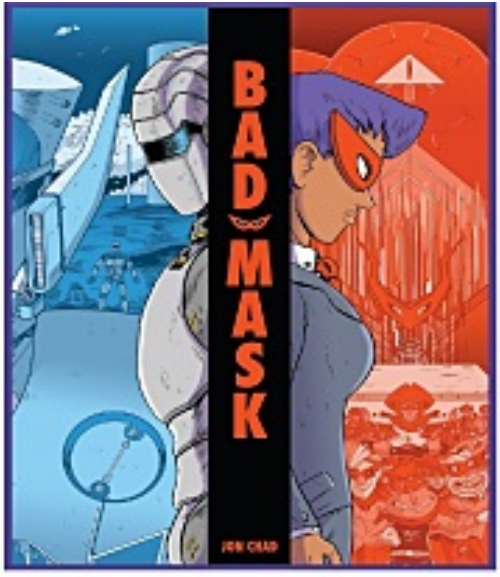
A young girl named Gabby has joined a superpowered terrorist organization called *Bad Mask*, a group eternally struggling against the world's savior, a super-intelligent robot named Metal Metro. But what if Metal Metro isn't all it seems to be? And what if Bad Mask isn't what Gabby expects either?

It's up to you to help Gabby get to the bottom of this mystery! Read through newspaper articles, a comic book, trading cards, digital files, and more in this multi-format box set designed to help you uncover the truth of *Bad Mask*!



Bad Mask HC
Jon Chad

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MICHELLE ANKLEY
PRODUCTION DESIGNER

Currently Watching: *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* and *Running Man*. *Running Man* is a Korean variety show with a cast of celebrities who compete/work together to do weird missions and quests all over the world. It's hilarious.

Movie I Can Quote By Heart: *The Fifth Element*

Food I'd Wrestle a Bear For: Hand-shaven noodles, Korean BBQ.

If I Won the Lottery I'd Spend the Money On: Traveling all over East Asia and then ending the trip with a big family vacation in Disney World.

Secret Talent: I'm a very competitive Mario Kart player.

Hometown: Sterling Heights, MI

HERE BE DRAGONS!

THE DEEP

You've binged two seasons of *The Deep* on Netflix, now see where the adventure began!

The Nektons are a daring aquanaut family traveling aboard their state-of-the-art (and oh, so shiny) submarine, *The Aronnax*. When an earthquake off the coast of Greenland leads to strange reports of monster sightings, William and Kaiko Nekton, along with their kids, Fontaine and Ant (and of course, Ant's pet fish, Jeffrey), dive into the mystery!

THE DEEP
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **NOVEMBER 22!**

The Deep SC
James Brouwer

A VERY BRITISH HOLIDAY

GIANT DAYS 2017 SPECIAL

Join Esther, Susan, and Daisy as they spend Christmas in a very "Love Actually" London, designed for an American audience wherein all the popular tourist destinations are all right next to each other, in this tribute to the films of Richard Curtis. Featuring guest artist Jenn St-Onge (*Jem: The Misfits*)!

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THAT'S HOW WE ROLL

When life knocks you down, you have to pick yourself back up again—and it's no different in derby! Knockout is torn between her family drama and her dedication to the derby life. Meanwhile, CanCan finally talks to Theo about his new role as a ref and how she's been feeling, stuck as a "derby widow" because of her injuries.

SLAM! THE NEXT JAM #3
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